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Applicatin No.: 10/787,116

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For: EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE AND METHOD OF ACCESSING SAME

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Sir,

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Respectfully submitted,

Tadahiko Hisano

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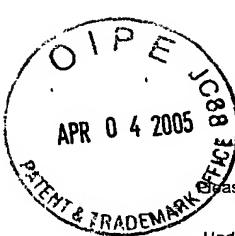
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